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Title: The City of Fire Part I

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"What do you think you are doing!?" I turned around a noble, surrounded by his elite guard of mercenaries, stood glaring at me. "I was just watching the Moongate," I replied," it looks different now." I had not seen the Moongate in Moonglow for quite sometime, but I could see the Moongate now no longer stopped on a city but ᶜᵉuttered images of many cities. "Well what is your name boy?" My name is Grenit sir" Well Grenit get out of my way!, I have important buisness" I moved so him and his party could pass. In a stern and commanding voice he said "Britian!" I watched amazed as the rapid cycle of images stop to show that of Britian. He walked through and his Mercenaries soon followed. I wondered how this new technology of the moongates came to be. I myself have never

used the moongates, but they tell me it's quite like the teleporters in Moonglow. I had used the teleporters many times traveling to and from my uncles farm to deliver our harvest to the local market in town. I decided to test the Moongate myself, so trying to mimic the Nobles stern voice, I commanded the Moongate, "Britian" and stepped through the moongate. I arrived on the Britian side of the Moongate and saw the same noble I ran into at Moonglow. He was talking to one of the Britian guards. "Are the rumors true? I heard they were experimenting with the Moongates, but a new land discovered?" "Aye they called it Ishnear, I've seen many adventures travel there viva the Moongate." The noble wispered something to one of his mercenaries and then bid the guard farewell. When the guard left to continue his patrol, the Noble stood up to the Moongate once agian, and named the shrine of Valor. The moongate acted different this time though. Instead of

stopping at an image, it only halted to show a dark swirling cloud. At first the Noble was hesitant to enter, but finally after a few glances of his mercenaries he entered confidently.

I knew that the Moongates could send a person to many cities in Sosaria but I never heard tales of them having ability to transport one to a shrine. Partly favoring Compassion and being in Britian already I decided I would try the shrine of Compassion, anyways I was begining to dislike following the noble everywhere. Stepping up to the Moongate I commanded it to take me to the shrine of Compassion. It stopped agian on the dark shadowy cloud image. I peered in but I could not see any sign of anything even being on the other side. I began to think this may be a trick, set up by some vile entity. Finally I regain my courage and stepped in. I arrived in a Temple, but it was not the temple of Compassion, at least not as I have ever seen it. It was beatifully decorated with

elaborate pillars and
walls of stone. I looked
out into the scenery. It
was much different
then the barren
desert that normally
surrounded the
shrine of Compassion,
but rather was lsuh
with trees and wild
ᶜᵉowers. I noticed as I
looked around that I
didn't see any people.
It was quite odd, even
the shrine of Honesty
hidden in the fridged,
icy, mountians north
of Moonglow had a
few caretakers. I
shrugged it off and
decided to walk a little
around this new land
I've never seen...